Setting up of Slaughter Houses

[Translation]

*443. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for setting up of new slaughter houses in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for setting up certain slaughter houses near the airports;

(d) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Notice to Cabinet Secretary", appearing in the Hindustan Times dated August 5, 1996; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) (a) and (b) The Central Government does not establish any slaughter house itself. It only provides assistance to state for modernization/establishment of service slaughter houses for production of hygienic meat. Assistance is also provided to meat processing plants as also export oriented slaughter houses which are supported by State Governments. State wise list of slaughter house/meat processing units assisted is as enclosed as statement.

(c) It is proposed to give assistance on priority basis for modernization/establishment of modern slaughter houses outside 10 km radius of airports to prevent bird hit hazards to aircraft.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The notice and petition have not yet been received from the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

STATEMENT

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE/MEAT PROCESSING PLANTS PROJECTS ASSISTED BY GOVERNMENT

State	Number of Projects	Locations
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	5	Hyderabad, Nellore, Vijayawada, Guntur, Vishakhapatnam
Assam	4	Guwahati (2) Nazira, Silcher
Goa	1	Usgaon
Himachal Pradesh	1	Shimla
Jammu & Kashmir	1	Srinagar
Karnataka	1	Bangalore
Kerala	13	Thrissur, Kottayam, Muvattupuzha, Irinjalakude, Thiruvalla, Tripunithura, Thiruvanathapuram (2) Manjari, Angamaly, Mallapuram, Kannur
Madhya Pradesh	3	Bhopal, Gwalior, Raipur
Maharashtra	7	Nanded, Koregaon, Shrirampur (2) Kalyan (2), Ahmednagar
Mizoram	1	Aizwal
Nagaland	2	Dimpur, Tijit
Punjab	1	Derabassi
Sikkim	1	Majithar
Tamil Nadu	2	Saidapet, Perambur
Tripura	1	Agarthala
Uttar Pradesh	10	Allahabad (6), Aligarh (2) Agra, Lucknow
West Bengal	1	Durgapur
Chandigarh (UT)	1	Chandigarh

[English]

Encroachment of Forest Land

*444. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the encroachment, transfer and sale of land of Reserve Forests/Khasland in Sikkim was enquired into by the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether pursuant to the memorandum by some Senior Citizens of Sikkim, the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (EZ) inspected the areas;

(c) if so, the gist of findings of both the reports submitted by RCCF, Bhubaneswar and AIG (EZ); and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area was inspected by Regional Office, Bhubaneswar pursuant to the memorandum by some Senior Citizens of Sikkim.

(c) The gist of findings of both the reports submitted by the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar are attached as statement-I and statement-II.

(d) The report received from the Regional Office, Bhubaneswar on part (a) of the question has been sent to the State Government for detailed comments.

STATEMENT-I

	Allegation	Findings
	1	2
1.	Alleged transfer of 3 ha of RF land in Rhododendron Sanctuary by former Forest Minister for running a tourist resort.	The resort is located in khasland and not in either the sanctuary or the reserved forest. Khaslands are sort of fuelwood reserves for the village and are under control of the Forest Department. It is a violation of the FC Act.
2.	Transfer of 5 plots in 3 villages of khasland in 1991-92 measuring 83.29 ha. for getting higher compensation by some influential persons (Minister's relatives) Date shown as 86-87 in records	In 1952 and 1976-78 surveys, 4 plots were recorded as khasland. Subsequently during 1991-92 surveys the said plots have been transferred in favour of private individuals by Revenue Officers. In 3 plots measuring 33.4420 ha., the Forest Department of Sikkim is taking up the matter for rectification of the records as per 1952 survey maps with the concerned district authorities. As per the records maintained in the Head Office of the Survey and Settlement at Gangtok, the said survey numbers are still khaslands. In one plot measuring an area of 44.0820 ha., the disputed ownership between forest and the individuals is being dealt with by the district authority. Plot measuring 12.2440 ha. and not 14.2440 ha. is a private land.
3	1100 acres of RF land in Munguthang given to people of Lachung by Attestation Officer in 1993	The survey of India Topo sheet clearly shows that these lands were RFs as per the 1952 survey. The villagers of Lachen were not satisfied with the survey done in 1980 and they represented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister requesting for another survey. The resurvey done during the year 1980 was not accepted by the Forest Department. Forest Department represented before the Attestation Officer. The Attestation Officer has given verdict in favour of people basing his judgement on a document signed between Tibetan and Sikkim Government during July 1929. The Attestation Officer has failed to appreciate that the survey conducted during 1952 and 1976-78 classifying the area as RF, supersedes all previous agreements and orders. The Government of Sikkim has appointed a High level team comprising of PCCF, CCF, Secretary, Law Department and Secretary, Land Reforms Department to go into the details of this case and submit findings to the Government

STATEMENT–II

	Allegations	Findings
	1	2
1.	1100 acres (440 ha.) of land in North Sikkim in Lonak valley at Mugthang on Sikkim-Tibet Border claimed by some villagers of Lachen.	To resolve the disputes between villagers and the Forest Department, the State Government has constituted a High level committee. On the recommendations of this committee, the State Government has notified on 12.3.1996 for recadestral survey of the area.
2.	Encroachment of 3 ha. of forest land at Yakche.	It was found during enquiry that the Tourist Resort is functioning in Khasmal Forests. The State Government has been requested to furnish its comments in the matter and the report is awaited.
3.	Construction of VIP Complex at Gangtok.	The State Government has intimated vide letter dated 29.2.96 that according to revenue records, the land involved is a Government land and not a forest land. Therefore, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is not applicable.

1		2
4	Construction of Teesta Phase-III in North Sikkim	Ministry of Environment and Forests vide their letter No. J-12011/5/92-IA-I dated 17.8.95 have directed Sikkim Power Department to come up with the Environment Plans on the basis of basin study before the environmental clearance is given. According to records available with the Ministry, additional details have been sought from Government of Sikkim
5.	Rathang-chu Hydro Electric Project.	The Environment and Forestry clearances were issued during 1992 and 1995 respectively. The stay granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter on appeal from NGOs has been vacated and State Power Department has been asked to go ahead with the project work at the risk and peril of the State Government

Condition of Women Prisoners

*445 KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the condition of women prisoners in jails in the country is very miserable;

(b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any plan to improve their condition;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the time by which the same is likely to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d) Though it would be inaccurate to say that the condition of women prisoners in jails in the country is very miserable, the Central Government has been stressing the need for further improvement in the living conditions of prisoners.

'Prisons' is a State subject. However, the Central Government, on its part, has been providing, apart from guidance on improvements on various aspects of prison functioning, financial assistance to the States for modernization of prisons. The Tenth Finance Commission has also provided funds to the State Governments to improve the conditions in jails. It is expected that the State plans to improve the infrastructure in jails would lead to better living conditions in jails.

[Translation]

Construction of Rail Line

*446 SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for delay in the construction of Dlli-Rajhara-Raughat-Jagdalpur rail line;

(b) the target for completion of the said route;

(c) whether this said route has been included in the priority list of the railways under the policy for the development of backward and neglected areas, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The Dalli Rajahara-Rowghat-Jagdalpur line is to be taken up on a cost sharing basis between the Railways, Ministry of Steel and Madhya Pradesh Government. The work has been included in Railway Budget of 95-96.

The basis of cost sharing is as under :

1. Government of Madhya Pradesh would provide free land and royalty concessions of totalling Rs. 27 crs.

2. Ministry of Steel will bear the actual cost of Construction between Dallirajahara and Rowghat (95 kms), presently estimated at Rs. 134 crs. and would also provide a contribution of Rs. 75 crs. as budgetary support for Rowghat-Jagdalpur sector.

3. Railways would provide the balance cost amounting to Rs. 133 crs.

The MOU is under finalization. The major issues which are pending are :

(i) Ministry of Steel had earlier agreed to a 7% return which was to be adjusted through freight concessions. Now they are demanding 16%.

(ii) SAIL had earlier ensured a traffic of 2.4 million tonnes in the first year of operation which would rise to 3.3 million tonnes and more from the 3rd year. Now, they are guaranteeing only a minimum traffic of 2.4 million tonnes per year to entitle themselves for equivalent return on investment.

(iii) The Ministry of Steel are contributing to this project so that they can carry iron ore from Bailadilla Mines of Bhilai Steel Plants. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has not yet cleared the proposal for mining from Bailadilla. The Ministry of Steel want to sign the MOU only after this clearance is obtained.